

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
COUNTY OF NEWPORT**

The Board of Canvassers of the Town of Tiverton, County and State aforesaid held a Meeting at the Tiverton Town Hall, 343 Highland Road on Monday, September 25, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Bobby J Harris-present
Member Paul Amaral-present
Member Charles Moran-absent
Alternate Jean Veegh-present

Vice Chair DeEtta Moran-present
Town Clerk-Nancy Mello-present
Clerk Kathleen Wood-present
Clerk Jeanne Spencer-present

Chair Mr. Harris called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

1. Review and Approve Minutes:

- Approval of September 2, 2014 Minutes
A motion was made by D. Moran, and seconded by P. Amaral to accept the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- Approval of September 8, 2014 Minutes
A motion was made by J. Veegh, and seconded by P. Amaral to accept the minutes. The motion passed, D. Moran abstained.
- Approval of September 9, 2014 Minutes - *Continued*
- Approval of September 11, 2014 Minutes
A motion was made by J. Veegh, and seconded by P. Amaral to accept the minutes. The motion passed, D. Moran abstained.
- Approval of September 15, 2014 Minutes - *Continued*

2. Unfinished Business

- Signage for the Polling Precincts – N. Mello stated that there was ample signage for the Primary, but will look into additional for the General Election since all the polling places are being utilized. Signs were ordered four elections ago from Patriot Signage. N. Mello stated our new custodial worker did an excellent job, making sure all signage and cones came back and are being stored at the Senior Center. An inventory was taken of all the signage. D. Moran commented that it is nice to have an inventory of what we have for the elections. N. Mello stated a few of the sandwich board district signs will need to be fixed. N. Mello stated there is a total of nine reserved parking van access signs adding that is not an adequate amount at least two is needed per polling location. She will need to order more through the DPW Director.

3. New Business

- Certification of four Mail Ballot Applications for the November Election.
- Recruiting Pollworkers – a discussion was had regarding recruiting students and substitute teachers, K. Wood will contact the Superintendent of schools to see if we can recruit Pollworkers for the General Election. There will be Mandatory training for the Pollworkers even for workers that worked the Primary Election. Training is scheduled for Tuesday October 28th at the Tiverton High School to reinforce the information for the General Election. Pollworkers need to ensure there is no campaigning inside the polling location. They need to read the names out loud enough for the checkers to hear. It was noted that there was a little hesitation in calling out the names at the Primary Election in some of the polls.

4. Board Member Items

- Issues with the polling locations:

- i. A discussion was had regarding parking at Pocasset School and the possibility of having Pollworkers park at the bottom lot and shuttling them up to cut down on some of the chaos.
 - ii. A discussion was had in regards to the handicap accessibility at Sandywoods. The front door was noted to be a half-inch too short. N. Mello stated it sends people all the way around, she will see if the measurements can be rechecked and confirmed N. Mello stated it is Church Community owned building which is federally funded it is important for it to be fixed. P. Amaral stated he believed it to be the hardware used and possibly an adjustment to the hinges might correct the problem.
 - iii. A discussion was had regarding the lighting at the V.F.W. the additional lighting provided by the DPW Director were effective and worked out nicely along with the fact that the Pollworkers were set up underneath the florescent lighting. The general election could be a problem due to the tables being set back further for anticipated longer lines.
 - iv. D. Moran asked how the technician did for the election. N. Mello stated Mr. Smith was unable to make it to the training session held by the Board of Elections. The technician's position was filled by Town employee Ms. Roy whom was able to make it to the training and worked out very well. Ms. Roy was able to give us a heads up on the requirements to stay in compliant. Adding, things worked out nicely.
- N. Mello stated a dolly was purchased for approx. \$57 to assist with carrying the Election boxes.
 - N. Mello stated the "General Election Important Dates" advertisement was submitted to both the Sakonnet Times and Herald News.
 - N. Mello addressed prior complaint at polls for benefit of D. Moran who had been absent.

There being no further business a motion was made by Ms. Veegh and seconded by Mr. Amaral to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Bobby J. Harris, Chair_____ DeEtta M. Moran, Vice Chair_____

Paul Amaral, member_____ Jean M. Veegh, alternate_____

A True Copy: Attest_____ Nancy L. Mello, Town Clerk